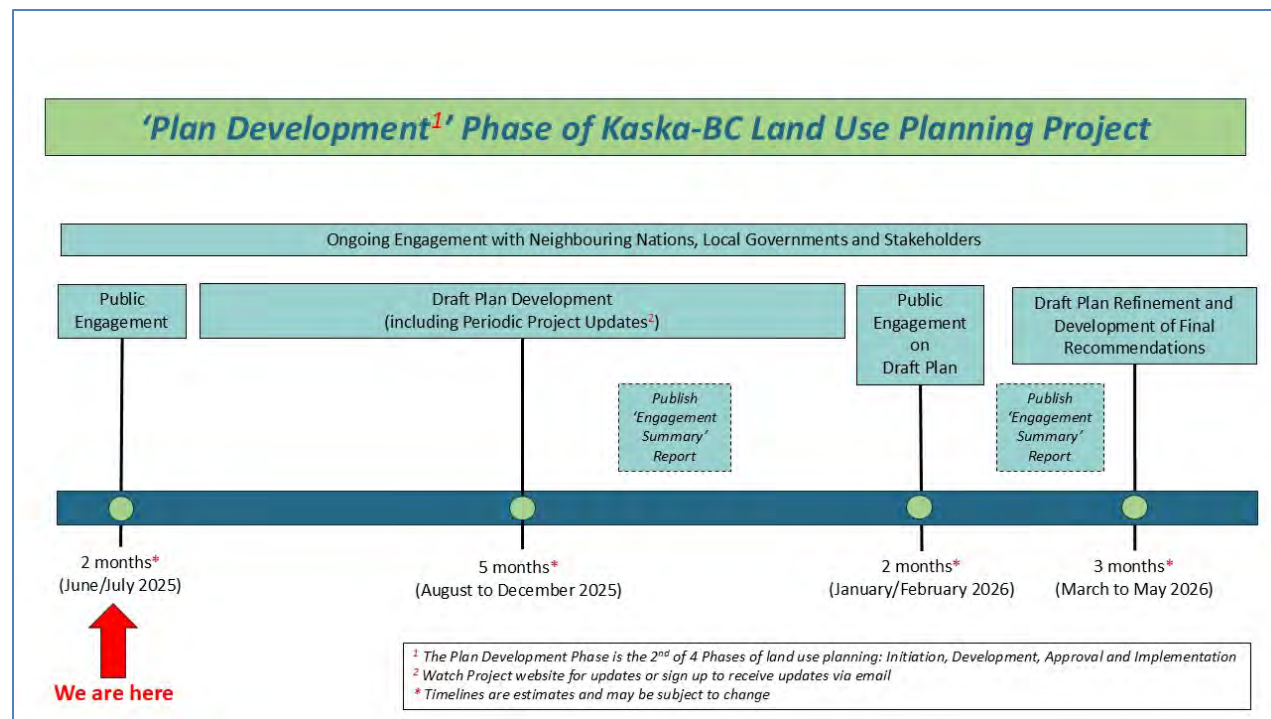


Kaska - B.C. Land Use Planning

About this Survey

The Kaska First Nations and the Province have formed a joint Project Team (the Project Team) to work in partnership on a collaborative land use planning process within 99,000 km² of Kaska Dena ancestral territory in British Columbia.

We invite you to participate in this survey to share your values and priorities. Your responses will inform the development of a draft Land Use Plan.



This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and includes five short sections.

It will close on **Friday, July 25** at 4:00 pm.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to your response.

Kaska First Nations means Dease River First Nation, Kwadacha Nation, Ross River Dena Council, and Liard First Nation including Daylu Dena Council.

The Project Team is committed to creating and supporting engagement opportunities for this Project that are free from bullying, harassment, and incidents of hate and discrimination. Any such content identified in responses will be redacted from the survey analysis and engagement summary.

Collection Notice

Personal information collected through this comment period will inform the Kaska-B.C. Land Use Planning team under section 26 (c) and 26 (e) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("FOIPPA"). Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your responses. If you have any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information, please contact:

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There are 17 questions in this survey.

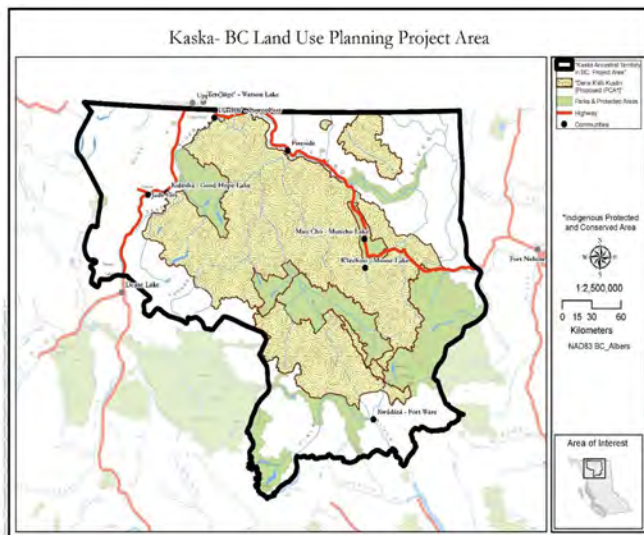
Background

The heartland of the Kaska-B.C. Land Use Plan Area is a region of cultural significance and ecological importance. It is one of the last major intact landscapes in British Columbia and central to the identity of the Kaska First Nations who call it Dena Kayeh.

In the spirit and practice of reconciliation, the Project Team is working together on developing a stewardship plan that will identify areas to protect and enhance biodiversity, as well as manage zones to promote community economic priorities. It will foster cultural initiatives, Indigenous Guardians, tourism opportunities, and provide for the continued enjoyment by outdoor enthusiasts.

A key part of this project is the proposed Dene K'éh Kusān Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) – a 39,000 km² area that reflects the vision of the Kaska First Nations' ancestors to steward the lands and waters into the future. Dene K'éh Kusān means 'the people's way we follow'. The Project Team follows this path in partnership so this special place will always be there for the benefit of present and future generations.

The planning process is guided by a shared land stewardship vision. This marks a new, yet continued, path forward that builds on existing land use plans. It is a path that will advance reconciliation, address conservation goals, promote climate resilience, provide shared economic opportunities, and bring land use clarity. The planning process will identify sustainable resource management opportunities to meet mutual economic, environmental, social, and cultural objectives.



The project represents a shared commitment between the Province and Kaska to work together to support Indigenous leadership in caring for the land and to create a land use plan that reflects the priorities of Indigenous communities, all British Columbians, and supports the Province's goal to protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030.

Visit our [project webpage](#) to learn more.

Section 1 - About you

These optional demographic questions help us understand who we have heard from and will help us target future engagement.

Which of the following categories (listed alphabetically) in the table below best describe the work you do?

Choose one of the following answers Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ☐ Administration and/or Business
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Art and/or Entertainment
- ☐ Construction and/or Design
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environmental Sciences
- ☐ Finance and/or Insurance
- ☐ Fishing and/or Hunting (guiding)
- ☐ Forestry
- ☐ Health and/or Social Assistance
- ☐ Homemaker
- ☐ Hospitality
- ☐ Legal Services
- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☐ Mining
- ☐ Public Service
- ☐ Real Estate
- ☐ Recreation and/or Tourism
- ☐ Retail and/or Wholesale Trade
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Transportation and/or Warehousing
- ☐ Utilities
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other - please share:

Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

Please select the category or categories (from the alphabetical list) that best describes the perspective(s) you bring to this topic.

Please choose **all** that apply:

- ☐ Environmental organization
- ☐ Federal government
- ☐ First Nation, Métis or Inuit
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Natural resource-based industry
- ☐ Outdoor recreation / tourism
- ☐ Private landowner
- ☐ Provincial government
- ☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Other - please share::

Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

How old are you?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ☐ Under 18 years
- ☐ 18-34 years
- ☐ 35-54 years
- ☐ 55+
- ☐

Please share more about how you identify. This question is about identity, not legal status or registration.

Answer this question if you are bringing a First Nation, Métis or Inuit perspective to this topic.
(as answered above)

Please choose **all** that apply:

☐ Kaska First Nations member

☐ Other First Nations member

☐ Métis

☐ Inuit

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Prefer to self-identify:

Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

Which of the following list below best describes your gender?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

☐ Woman

☐ Man

☐ Non-binary

☐ Prefer not to answer / Unknown

Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

What are the first three digits of your postal code?

Please check the format of your answer.

Section 2 - Your relationship to the Project Area

The following questions ask about your relationship to the Project Area.

Do you live in or visit the Project area?

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ☐ Full-time resident
- ☐ Part-time resident
- ☐ Regular visitor (more than twice a year, including for work)
- ☐ Occasional visitor (twice a year or less, including for work)
- ☐ None of the above

☐ Other

Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

Do you work in the Project area?

☐ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are you a tenure holder within the Project area?

☐ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

A tenure holder is an individual, company, or organization that has been granted rights by the Province to access and/or use natural resources such as timber, minerals, water, or land for a specific purpose.

Section 3 – What is important to you?

The following questions ask about what is most important to you when considering land, water, and resource management in the Project Area.

What is important to you when considering how land, water and resources are managed in the Project Area?

For each, indicate how important you think it is on the scale below.

Please note the questions are randomized for every survey respondent.

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	I don't know
Aquatic wildlife and habitats (including water quality and water supply)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biodiversity and ecosystem health (including old growth forests)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural and ceremonial uses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forestry operations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mineral exploration and mining	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Oil and gas exploration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational uses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renewable energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Terrestrial (land) wildlife and habitats	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tourism operations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: Please share below	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other: Please share.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Not Important' or 'Somewhat Important' or 'Important' or 'Very Important' or 'I don't know' at question '11

Please write your answer here:



Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

How important are the following outdoor activities to you?
 For each, indicate how important you think it is on the scale below.
 Please note the questions are randomized for every survey respondent.

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	I don't know
ATV-ing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Caving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climbing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hiking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harvesting (e.g., berries, mushrooms, bark, boughs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Horseback riding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hunting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mountain biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnicking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: Please share below	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other: Please share.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Not Important' or 'Somewhat Important' or 'Important' or 'Very Important' or 'I don't know' at question '13

Please write your answer here:

Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

Section 4 - Planning priorities and values

The Project Team has developed a project goal, planning priorities, and values to guide the co-development of a draft Land Use Plan for the land, water and resources in the Project Area. Please read the project goal below, then answer the questions that follow.

The overall project goal is for the Province and Kaska First Nations to work together to develop recommendations for modernized land use direction across the Project Area.

This work will build on and update the guidance and direction of existing plans and include recommendations for the creation of the proposed Dene K'éh Kusān as an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) under both Indigenous and provincial legal frameworks.

This work will be undertaken through targeted engagement with neighbouring First Nations, local government, stakeholders, and the public.

The Project will advance land use clarity, conservation and stewardship, Indigenous reconciliation, and responsible resource development and land use, as part of a shared approach to managing the land for the benefit of the Kaska First Nations and all British Columbians.

Please consider how important each of the planning priorities and values below are to you.

For each, indicate how important you think it is on the scale below.

Please note the questions are randomized for every survey respondent.

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	I don't know
A balanced approach to conservation and economic growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate resilience and adaptation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustained opportunities for existing and new resource- based industries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contributing to global demand for critical minerals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local communities have a voice in the land use planning process	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Please consider how important each of the planning priorities and values below are to you. For each, indicate how important you think it is on the scale below. Please note the questions are randomized for every survey respondent.

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

Protection of large river corridors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preservation of culturally significant areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conservation of important wildlife habitat areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promotion of outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section 5 – Opportunities and challenges

Considering the priorities and values explored in the previous section, the following questions ask you about opportunities, concerns, and challenges.

What opportunities do you see for the Project Area?

Please share a few words about those opportunities and how they might be best realized.

Please write your answer here:



Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

What concerns or challenges do you see for the Project Area?
Please share a few words about those concerns or challenges and how they might be best addressed.

Please write your answer here:

Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

Survey results will be summarized in a Public Engagement Summary and considered in the development of a draft land use plan. The draft plan will be made available for public review and comment. We encourage you to visit our [project webpage](https://www.planninginpartnership.ca/p/666b568a6b56900039b8f585/project-details) (<https://www.planninginpartnership.ca/p/666b568a6b56900039b8f585/project-details>) for additional information.

Please visit the project page to [sign up](#) to receive email updates on this Project, including future opportunities to get involved.